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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: ALUMINUM SMELTER

1. HAROLD ANDRESEN, DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMS FOR KAISER ENGINEERS, SPENT NOV 23-27 IN BAGHDAD INVESTIGATING REQUEST THAT KAISER BID ON ALUMINUM SMELTER PLANT RECEIVED FROM STATE ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SOIDC) OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. PROJECT IS TO BE BUILT AT NEW INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX AT KHOR AL-ZUBAIR NEAR BASRA. SMELTER WOULD COST SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS AND INITIALLY PRODUCE 150,000 TONS OF METAL PER YEAR, EXPANDABLE TOO 300,000 TONS. BIDS ARE DUE BY MAY 31, 1975.

2. ALSO TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS NEW COMPLEX ARE PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX I (POLYETHELENE PLANT), IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX, UREA FERTILZER PLANT, AND GAS TURBINE POWER STATION TO PRODUCE 300 MEGAWATTS OF ELECTROCITY.

3. ANDRESEN APPROACHING PROJECT WITH CONSIDERABLE CAUTION. HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT GOI REQUIREMENT THAT HE SIGN STATEMENT INSURING THAT KAISER WOULD BID AND DEPOSIT 680,000 DOLLARS BEFORE SOIDC WOULD GIVE HIM TENDER DOCUMENTS. SINCE KAISER UNLIKELY TO BID ON PROJECT AS PUT FORWARD (I.E. TURN-KEY, LUMP SUM) THIS SUM COULD BE LOST. HE ASSUMES VERY TOUGH GOI POSITION MUST BE OPENING NEGOTIATING POSITION ONLY.

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